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Submission deadline is the 20th of the month for event announcements, articles, and artwork. Officers reports are due at officers' meeting.

The Tosspot
from the Baron and Baroness

Greetings unto the Gentlefolk of Unser Hafen, Bofharrach and Ram's Keep, gentle nobles one and all.

May this missive find your fields in full harvest, your stores overflowing and your health at its highest.

Pray allow Us this moment to give special welcome to our newest gentlefolk. Your energy and enthusiasm for this hobby we so love have been heartening and inspiring. Know that your presence strengthens our beloved Barony and Kingdom. The Peers, Nobles, Royals and more experienced gentlefolk of the Barony await to help, you must needs only ask. Follow your hearts as you explore the Living Dream and be welcomed here.

Fall is a time when the Land begins to enter its slumber and our activities head mostly within castle walls. It is a time of learning and exploration, a time of preparation and creation. There will be many events within only a few hours drive and many a wagon will have seats available for those interested. As a rule, we of the Barony work at our own events, and we therefore urge everyone to take opportunities as they may, to travel to events hosted by other groups. There are some truly fun and entertaining events on the Kingdom and Baronial Calendars. The Tosspot is a wonderful resource as well, full of informative articles, missives and recipes.

Watch for fundraisers throughout the fall as well. We will be raising funds for the traveling scholarship by auctioning garb, accessories, armor, materials and much, much more. These are wonderful opportunities to support the Barony and find great items as well. The scholarship fund provides monies to those who need it to attend events, basically paying site fee and gas monies. This is a service to our Barony and Kingdom, as these gentlefolk give so much to us all.

This is also a time of war for our Kingdom. The battle standards of those who would suppress us stand dark upon the hills to the far south. Our King, mighty in His guardianship, has called forth the Levy. The war generals have determined we shall take the battle to our enemies upon the battlefield of Estrella. We, too, shall march forth to defend our Land and our Gentlefolk. We do call the Knights and their squires, the Dons and cadets, the men at arms and warriors to sharp hone their weapons and gird themselves in warlike manner. We do call the Company of Archers to mend their bows and outfit their persons for battle. Artisans hone your craft and vie on the field of gentle skills. We call forth the Siege Company and the Militia, for we shall be outnumbered; yet we shall prevail. The Stone Wolves of this Fortress of the North shall fly from the mountains to wreak bloody wrath upon those who would give us harm. Hye, Cymbrogi, to war!

Now is the time to start looking at vacation time from work and school that we all may join in revelry 'round the campfire at Estrella in February, making friends of the foe who so recently felt the might of Unser Hafen.

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We are honored to serve the gentlefolk, both new and experienced, of this jewel in the Outlands Crown. Vivat Unser Hafen, Bofharrach and Ram's Keep!

In service to Barony, Canton and College, our beloved Kingdom and the Living Dream, we remain.

Deotrich Leonora

from the Hospitaler

1) The next **Officer's meeting** will be held at my house, Monday Nov 18th, at 7pm. A light dinner will be available.

Directions: From Fort Collins, take Taft Hill Rd south to Loveland. Taft Hill becomes Wilson Ave at the city limits. Keep going south and you'll pass a light at 29th st. Take a right at the next light, which is 22nd st. Go west on 22nd and take the 4th right, which is Clear Creek Drive. The house is on the left #2277, Parking Note: The east side of the street is a fire line. Park only on the west side.

From Loveland, go north on Wilson Ave from 34th/Eisenhower. Take the first left at the light, which is 22nd St. Go west on 22nd and take the 4th right, which is Clear Creek Drive. The house is on the left #2277, Parking Note: The east side of the street is a fire line. Park only on the west side.

My cell phone is 203-4939.

2) The Barony is putting together a small library for the use of its members. It will be at the Hospitaler's house, 2277 Clear Creek Dr, Loveland.

Please call or email if you would like to take a look at the books and check them out. 970-203-4939 or hospitaler@unserhafen.org

3) A series of classes will be held at Fighter Practices, Thursdays and Sundays. We're currently offering Persona Development and Heraldry. We hope to have Courtesy and Etiquette, calligraphy, and paper making, in the near future. Please refer to the website Meetings & Practices calendar for what classes will be held on a particular day. If you would like to teach a class, or would like to see a class offered, please contact Lady Kirka Bjornsdottir at hospitaler@unserhafen.org.

Looks like we'll have a classroom to use for our persona dev class. We'll be able to spread out and be able to chit chat! Time 6:30 pm, Location: Ferguson High School, 804 Eisenhower Blvd, Loveland

Directions: From I-25, take exit 257 and go west on Hwy 34 for 4 miles. The school is on the south side of 34.

From 287, go east on Hwy 34. The HS is between the Loveland Lumber Yard on its East side and the Antique store on its West side. Turn into the parking lot on the East side of the building, and enter the Gym through the door on that side of the building.

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4) The Barony has ordered 20 copies of the Known World Handbook -- everything you wanted to know about the SCA (and then some)! Don't be without one! Copies are $15 ($1 less than if ordered from national). If you would like a copy, please contact the Hospitaler at hospitaler@unserhafen.org.

In service,
Lady Kirka Bjornsdottir

from the Ministry of Children

Dear ye!

The Baron and Baroness have voiced a desire to have the Barony of Unser Hafen a place where both children and adults can partake in SCA activities. Being a loyal and devoted servant to the Baron and Baroness, it is my desire to create a children's activity arena at events occurring in the new year. I ask all other loyal and devoted servants of the Barony to lend me your talents of sewing, archery, armor creation, fencing, scroll creating, caligraphy, drop spinning, weaving, arrow making, chess masters/mistresses, protocol expertise, and all other arts and sciences masters and mistresses to help me devise a program of events for all children attending events in the Barony. Please contact Mistress Ximena Garcia with your thoughts and ideas on how we can recognize our children in activities in the Barony.

Yours in service,
Ximena Garcia de Austorias, Spain

from the Marshal of fence

Unto all the fencers of the great Outlands, Unser Hafen sends greetings.

Sunday, October 6, 2:00pm-5:00pm marks our first indoor fighter practice of the season in the impressive CSU field house.

There is talk of war brewing in the great Estrella desert and so Outlanders will answer the call to battle! (and Midnight Madness;). So now is the time to start working on war tactics. The first Sunday of every month Unser Hafen will host a fencing melee practice. We invite all fighters to come and sharpen their skills on the field. We would especially appreciate leaders in the fencing community to come help train and share their insights on battle tactics. There will be at least one authorizing marshal there to perform authorizations and Unser Hafen fencers will make a special effort to show up in numbers. There will also be several sets of loaner gear for new fencers and those without gear. So come one come all, the more the scarier!

The link below will take you to directions to the sight.
http://unserhafen.org/calendar.asp?action=detail&E_ID=1

In service,
Lord Justinian the Gentle
Marshal of fence for Unser Hafen

from the Captain of Archers

Greetings from Nikolaos, Captain of Archers Unser Hafen,

The sun drops over the horizon too early now, so regularly scheduled archery practice has ended for the year. Thanks to Tamlene and Drahomira for letting us use their land and to Thorfinn and Rosalind for opening up their home for post-revels.

Other groups will be holding indoor archery practices through the winter. Information on Caerthan practices can be found at

http://www.sca-caerthe.org/caerthe_practice.php?Frames=no#archery

and Windkeep's activities can be found at

http://www.windkeep.org/regular.html

A final note: it has been two years since I took up the office of Captain and I am looking for my replacement. Anyone who wishes to apply must send both myself the their Excellencies a letter of interest, but all letters must be recieved by November 15th.

In Service, I Remain,

Nikolaos Demetrious ho Toxotes

from the Chronicler

Hands-on experience with desktop publishing! Think how that will look on your resume. I am still looking for a Deputy Chronicler. Software, training, and written directions provided. Contact Mistress Drahomira at (970) 663-1513 or chronicler@unserhafen.org.

I have been asked why I don't nag ("remind") the officers who don't submit reports to the Tosspot on time. Courtesy and respect. I am treating you like capable and responsible adults who can get your reports done on time if it is important, or can make your own decision that it isn't important. So, officers, if you want your reports published in the Tosspot, write them and send them to me.

Mistress Drahomira

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List of Events

November 3
Light Metal Mayhem (Schola Metalorum - Colo. School of Mines)
contact Bernajoux 303-520-5195

November 9-10
Kingdom of the Outlands Coronation (Citadel - El Paso)
http://www.aoc.nrao.edu/~tperreau/outlands/NOV/coronation.html

November 16
Toys for Tots (Unser Hafen - Fort Collins)

December 6
Baronial Yule (Unser Hafen - Fort Collins)

December 7
Hunters' Feast (Windkeep - Cheyenne)
contact Rhys 307-632-1133

December 14
Caer Galen Midwinter (Caer Galen - Boulder)
http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/CLVaughn/mdwntr.htm

January 4, 2003
Caerthen Twelfth Night: Lords of Chance - Ladies of Luck
(Caerthe / Hawk's Hollow - Denver)

January 25, 2003
Winter Oasis (Unser Hafen -Loveland)

February 12-17, 2003
Estrella War (Kingdom of Atenvelt - near Flagstaff, Arizona)
http://www.estrellawar.org/ (coming soon)

Unser Hafen's Baronial Yule

Barony of Unser Hafen
Friday, December 6, XXXVII (2002)

Mountain Range Shadows Clubhouse- 8400 Mummy Ridge Road. Ft. Collins, CO
Site opens at 5:00 pm
Cleanup starts at 11:00 pm with the site closing at Midnight
Site fee-$2 per adult. Children 6 to 12 - $1.00, Children Under 6 - Free.
Potluck dinner (Please bring feast gear).
The Site is Discretely Wet-alcohol in period containers.
Checks payable to SCA-Unser Hafen.
Reservations for children participating in gift exchange accepted until November 22nd.

Autocrat: Katherine Niemann (Katharyn Daniel), 1347 Swallow St., Loveland, CO 80537. (970)461-1371.

Greetings!
Once again the time draws near for Unser Hafen's annual Baronial Yule celebration!

Their Excellencies, Deotrich and Leonora, have decreed that the celebration shall again feature a bountiful pot luck feast. Each gentle planning on attending should please provide some sort of dish to share (finger foods, side dishes, or desserts). The Barony will be providing Roast Turkeys and Ham for the center pieces of the feast. Hot drinks of cider, coffee, and tea will also be provided.

Yule will be a night of music and revelry. If you have musical instruments, song books or period games, please bring them along! Entertainment (music, court dancing, bellydancing, games, children's activities, etc.) will go on all evening-well, maybe not during court.

Their Excellencies will be holding a gift exchange, but it will be slightly different than in past years. Adult gifts should cost $10 or less and/or be handmade. The gift should be for someone of your own gender. If you want to receive a gift, contribute a gift. Children whose parent/guardian registers them for the gift exchange (with age and gender) prior to November 22, 2002 will be provided a gift by the barony. To register a child, please contact the autocrat.

Directions: From the South - Take I-25 North to Exit 259. Turn right onto the frontage road on the West side of I-25. Go 2.1 miles north to the first Mountain Range Shadows Entrance and turn left into the entrance. Turn right at the first cross street, which is Mummy Range Road. The clubhouse is on the left about a half block down.

From the North - Take I-25 South to Exit 262. Turn left onto the frontage road on the West side of I-25. Go 1 mile South to the second Mountain Range Shadows Entrance and turn right into the entrance. Turn right at the first cross street, which is Mummy Range Road. The clubhouse is on the left about a half block down.

Caer Galen Midwinter

Shire of Caer Galen
December 14, 2002
Coal Creek Canyon Community Center 31578 Hwy 72, Golden, CO 80403
Site opens 10 am, closes 11 pm
Fees: $8 site only, $16 site & feast. Children: $4 site only, $8 site & feast.
Family cap: $24 site only, $48 site and feast.
Feast limited to 80--this is a firm limit.
Checks payable: SCA-Caer Galen
Site is WET!

Please send paid reservations to: Mistress Rowen of Staffin. (E.J. Benstock), 1925 Meadow Drive, Longmont, CO 80501 (303) 772-4606, RowenOL@aol.com

In the Shire's mountain stronghold, a roaring fire keeps back the cold winter night and the feast is spread upon the table. It is a night for tales, a night for adventure. It was on a night like this King Arthur called for stories to make the holidays merry, and Sir Gawain stepped forth to face the challenge of a giant with an axe. . .

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In honor of that tale, garb yourself in verdant shades and bring your sense of adventure.

Events planned include:
--The fencing tournament to determine the new Captain of the Guard
--The vote for the Harp of Caer Galen
--Caer Galen Musical Chairs (You signed the waiver. . .)
--An A&S competition in the categories of meads and cordials, alliterative poetry, and "mystery item."
--Wondrous Children's Activities
--And Last but not Least: His Ubiquitousness the Doge of Caer Galen will be stepping down, and his successor will be determined on this day. Vote early, vote often!

The feast will be brought to you by the team that ruled the kitchen at Carnivale.

Directions to the Coal Creek Community Center: Make your best way to State Hwy 93. (This runs between Boulder and Golden. It intersects with Hwy 36 north of Boulder, and I-70 in Golden. Hwy 6 west in Denver turns into Hwy 93 north.) About halfway between Boulder and Golden, take Hwy 72 west. (the intersection is south of Rocky flats.) Follow this road for about ten miles, through the village of Coal Creek. The road climbs, curves steeply to the left, and the community center will be on the left, right across the highway from the power plant.

Parking is limited, so carpooling would be greatly appreciated.

Special Note: The site is located on a winding mountain road. Please use caution, especially during inclement weather, and have a designated driver if drinking.

Winter Oasis

Barony of Unser Hafen
January 25th, 2003
Mountain Range Shadows Clubhouse: 8401 Mummy Range Dr. Ft. Collins, CO
Site Fee: $ 6.00 (includes snack buffet and drinks)
Make checks payable to "SCA-Unser Hafen"
Site is discreetly wet
Site opens at 7:00 PM, site closes when the autocrat gets tired.

Do the rhythms of the drums warm your body from the winter's chill? And does the sway of a dancer's hips melt the icy frost and fill your soul with heat? Follow the sound of Sheherezade's voice and be whisked away on a magic carpet ride to the land of Aladdin. Jump on Sinbad's ship and set sail for the Winter Oasis.

Join the Barony of Unser Hafen for an evening of dancing, drumming, and strumming. Be tempted with a buffet of Middle Eastern delicacies to keep your energy into the night and be transported to an exotic world as performances of dance and music fill the hall. We will have something for everyone including dance classes for men and women, eastern storytelling, and a "biggest turban" contest. So come one and all, you will be entertained.

If you're interested in merchanting and your wares are of an eastern nature please contact the autocrat ASAP to make arrangements as we have limited space.

Directions:

From the South - Take I-25 North to Exit 259. Turn right onto the frontage road on the West side of I-25. Go 2.1 miles north to the first Mountain Range Shadows Entrance and turn left into the entrance. Turn right at the first cross street, which is Mummy Range Road. The clubhouse is on the left about a half block down.

From the North - Take I-25 South to Exit 262. Turn left onto the frontage road on the West side of I-25. Go 1 mile South to the second Mountain Range Shadows Entrance and turn right into the entrance. Turn right at the first cross street, which is Mummy Range Road. The clubhouseis on the left about a half block down.

SCA signs will be at the correct Mountain Range Shadows Entrance.

Autocrat: THLady Mardanah al-Hindiyyah (Julia DiVerdi) 1104 Williams Street, Ft.Collins, CO 80524 (970) 221-3982 morgi@holly.colostate.edu

Mistress of the Snacks: Mistress Meriel of Tay (Susan Clotfelter) 2889 SW Sixth St. Loveland, CO 80537 (970) 461-0282 clotfelter@frii.com

Estrella War

Greetings unto the Populace of Mighty Unser Hafen, fierce gateway to the frozen north!

It is time once again to feel the drumbeats in your heart and gird yourself for battle, Estrella War (February 12-17, 2003) is coming! There are many things to think about and to do before you pack your car and head south to the green hills of Estrella.

If you think you are going to go, we urge you to pre-register! Please also let us know if you are planning on going. We have to reserve space for our group that will be large enough. You don't have to know for sure that you can — just let us know that if you can, you are going.

We will have another fundraiser; so if you wish to apply to the Scholarship fund to go to war, make sure to let us know. You will be asked to work some volunteer hours at war; the Barony is paid a percentage of the profits from War based on the number of hours our people worked. And you get to meet fun people from all over the Known World!

We need someone to volunteer to be Camp Coordinator. The CC helps plan the encampment, coordinating with Kingdom (Lord Ryan) and police the set up to the plan. It is required that you be there are the very beginning of the war to help us set up all the tents right.

The Barony needs someone to volunteer to coordinate the food plan. The food plan has taken many different shapes over the years. It has been just hot water and packets of instant oatmeal, coffee, and tea in the morning; serve yourself sandwiches for lunch; and a nice hot meal for dinner. Or we have had 3 wonderful sumptuous meals every day, pampered in every way. Helping with the food plan is a wonderful way for to contribute to the war effort without getting sweaty.

Important dates to remember:

October 31, 2002
Last day for the $5 pre-registration discount and the last day to pay with a personal check!

November 30, 2002
Last day to get a Parking lot or Perimeter parking pass with your paid pre-registration (Close in parking is paid this year ($20), there is free parking at a distance (about a mile away - there will be shuttle service), first come-first served, one permit per registration)

December 31, 2002
Last day to pre-register and save yourself a lot of hours in line at the gate!

DON'T FORGET TO...
... pre-register by October 31, 2002 if you are paying with a personal check!
... to pay with a cashiers check or money order if sending your form in after October 31, 2002.
... include a copy of your membership card to get the member discount.
... include a self-addressed (& stamped) envelope so your confirmation can be returned to you.

The site is currently under construction, but there is a lot of good information here. This is where can you find the pre-registration form. Bookmark it and check it often!
http://www.estrellawar.org/

Remember, every pre-registration helps!

The Kingdom's Land Coordinator is:
Lord Ryan Brunloc
Outlands Liason, Estrella XIX
505-265-3142
brunlocr@aol.com

As soon as possible, we need to give Lord Ryan the following information. So when you contact us to let us know you are going, make sure to let us know the following:

Number of people:
Number of tents: - Include kitchen tents and shades here
Dimensions of anything larger than 15x15 included in the above:
Who to contact if I need more information:
Contact information for them:
Any special needs:

Thank you for your attention to these details!

All the best,
Deotrich and Leonora

P.S. It sounds like there is going to be Equestrian Activities back again! This is not to be missed! The costumes people make for their horses and themselves are beyond belief!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNE
3 Fighter/Fencer Practice 2-5 pm CSU Field House	4 Equestrian Practice CSU Equine Center	5	Middle East 7:30 pm Empire Gran
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Baronial Activities

Archery Practice	Lord Nickolaous	(970)356-0943
Blacksmithing Guild	Master Tamlene	(970)663-1513
Belly Dancing	Wednesdays, 7:30 pm Lady Mardanah	Empire Grange (970) 221-3982
Dance Practice	Second & Fourth Mondays Lady Danyelle	CSU Lory Student Center (970) 206-1861
Equestrian Guild	First, Third & Fifth Mondays (call for directions) Lord Nicholas the Falconer	(970)412-2137
Fencing	Sundays 2-5 pm Lord Justin	C.S.U. Field House (970)881-2110
Fighter Practice	Sundays 2-5 pm Lord Aramis	C.S.U. Field House (970) 667-3330
Loveland Fencing Practice	Thursdays 6:30 Master Thorfinn Greybeard	Ferguson H.S., Loveland (970)667-1284
Bofharrach Fighter Practice		
Thrown Weapons	Lady Kirka Bjornsdottir	(970) 203-4939
Officers' Meeting	Monday, November 18, 7 pm Lady Arianrod	Lady Kirka's house, see p.3 (970)663-1060
Sewing	Saturdays Lady Arnden	Lady Arnden's house (970) 667-3330

Fighter/Fencing Practice Maps

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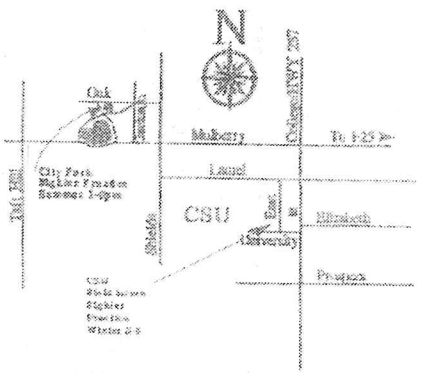

BoFharrach

Sewing

ow on Saturdays, "all day". It is at my house in North Loveland off Highway 287. Call or e-mail for exact directions (667-3330, arnden@yahoo.com).

Lady Adrienne Arnden

Fighter/Fencer Practice

fter much confusion, and several changes in the scheduling at C.S.U., the time for Sunday practices at the Field House is 2 pm to 5 pm.

Loveland Fencer Practice -- Winter Site

ach THURSDAY night we MEET FOR OUR LOVELAND BARONIAL FENCING PRACTICE!! The Harold Ferguson High School Gym is our Fall and Winter indoor fencing site.

It opens for dressing at 6:30 PM, fencing starts at 6:45 PM., and ends at 8:15 PM. We must be out of the Gym by 8:30 PM. Be there to help make this fencing ONLY practice a success!

This indoor fencing practice is held at the Harold Ferguson High School Gym located at 804 E. Eisenhower Blvd in Loveland CO. The site has good access from I-25, being on the east edge of Loveland just 4 miles west of exit 257 of I-25.

Only shoes with non marking soles will be allowed. Tennis shoes are preferred. This is a fencing only site. We cannot risk damage to the gym floor that heavy fighting might cause.

We will have the Baronial loaner fencing gear available. In addition some of us bring personal loaner gear.

This Fall and Winter indoor fencing practice will help us work on our WAR fencing skills and aids us in the training of our new fencers. It also gives our fencers who are also heavy weapons fighters and opportunity to practice their fencing skills. And as a bonus, fencing is a superb aerobic exercise.

The site costs a $15 per evening, $10.00 per hour. A donation of $1 to $2 per person per evening would be appreciated to defray the cost to the Barony.

Driving Instructions: Please note that Harold Ferguson High School is NOT your typical huge brick high school. It is an alternative school built in a converted commercial building. It is a low dark building with the name, Harold Ferguson High School, in one foot high silver lettering across the front.

If traveling on I-25: Take Exit 257 West onto US 34. Go West on US 34 ((E. Eisenhower Blvd. in Loveland) about 4 miles to Harold Ferguson High School at 804 E. Eisenhower Blvd. Harold Ferguson High School is between Loveland Lumber Yard on its East side and the Antique store on its West side. Turn into the parking lot on the East side of the building, and enter the Gym through the door on that side of the building.

If traveling on US 287:

If coming from the South, US 287 is Lincoln Avenue in Loveland. Take it North through Loveland until you reach Eisenhower Blvd. (US 34) which is about

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14th St. North.

Longs Peak Demo Thanks

A most hearty Thank you to all the WONDERFUL Outlanders who gave so willingly of their time and talents to make The Longs Peak Scottish and Irish Festival Demo such a success!

It was a beautiful weekend in a lovely setting with 8 cannons going off every hour on the hour to keep us on our toes! I thoroughly enjoyed the music, the ambiance, the cool nights and the time I was able to spend with wonderful new friends.

I am so proud to be part our wonderful group. As the festival went on, more and more visitors came by saying "we heard that we just had to see you." The crafts that were on display were amazing, and were greatly admired. It was gratifying to see the visitors exclaiming over the perfection of the embroidery and the beautiful weavings.

The archers always brought out the oohs and aahs when they sent a flight of arrows over the lake! Many visitors waited for a half hour just to see them. What would we have done without all your hard work?

Unser Hafen and Hawk's Hollow did themselves proud in their service. Thank you.

To the lampworkers, embroiderers, spinners and weavers - thank you for sharing your talents with such enthusiasm. Your crafts drew visitors into the tent where they watched your efforts and shared in the feeling of stepping back in time.

I listened with delight to the harp and psaltery... what a wonderful experience. I never knew how interested today's youth could be in ancient instruments! The visitors loved being able to try out the psalteries for themselves.

Our heavy fighters really brought in the crowds, and I offer a special thanks to them for their tireless work in the hot sun and for their unflagging enthusiasm. Lord Lorkin, Lovely Lady Adrian, Lord Bjorn, Lord Naxos, Lord Forrester, Bran and Boukri fought with a right good will and high humor. It made me smile to see the entourages of small boys following our fighters around. It's not often you get to be a hero!

Thank you to all the kind gentles who offered the use of your pavilions, it really added a historical flavor to our site. Your generosity was deeply appreciated.

Thank you to all the wonderful Outlanders who stopped by to offer encouragement and support. What a wonderful Society we have!

Thanks to the most wonderful Colb'an Itchfoot and his gracious family for their assistance when our dragon fell ill on her journey up the canyon. Thanks also to Lady Adrian for her help in bringing our family down the mountain and back to lovely Caerthe.

Thank you Most Noble Outlanders, your unstinting labor made The Longs Peak Festival a success.

Warmest Regards,

Arian Llyn the Kestrel

Lady Tea adds:

Three teachers from Schools around the metro area, including the International Bacalaureate Program asked for more information on the SCA. HUZZAH! We ran out of flyers and had to make do with hand- written index cards... We

had SO many interested visitors!

From the Society Chronicler

Greetings unto Mistress Drahomira Jaroslavna from Mistress Honor of Restormel, Society Chronicler.

Congratulations on your nomination for a Master William Blackfox Award for A.S. XXXVI. These awards have been established to recognize excellence in newsletters and the Kingdom Chronicler for the Outlands has nominated the Tosspot for Best Article for "The Line" by THL Sean ui Neil the Staffmaker. You have done a fine job of gathering quality materials for your Baronial newsletter. You shuold be very proud of your accomplishments!

The winner of the Master William Blackfox Awards will be announced in the Fall issue of Tournaments Illuminated. The list of all nominees and winners will be maintained on the Chronicler page at www.sca.org.

Keep up the excellent work!

In faithful service,

Honor

Unser Hafen's Newest Baron and Baroness of the Court

Baron Eliayhu and Baroness Nadrah

photo by Steve Smith

From Goldenvelt to Unser Hafen -- A History of the Barony

part 4 -- XXVIII to XXXII

by Lord Robin of Bristol

The following May, The Crown surveyed the populace for their preference in who would next sit on the Baronial thrones. The populace favored Sir Titus and The Honorable Lady Llamrei by a sizable margin. In the June Their Royal Majesties announced They had chosen Sir Titus and the Honorable Lady Llamrei to follow Baron Kevin on the thrones of Unser Hafen as Our Second Baron and Baroness.

At the evening Court at Defender in July, with much ceremony, Baron Kevin handed the regalia of His Estate to the Baronial Officers, excused his guards and the rest of his court. King Artan IV and Queen Aziza delivered five tardy scrolls to Baron Kevin before they accepted the Baronial Coronets and allowed Kevin to depart to seek new adventure as a wondering Bard. So ended the first chapter of Our Barony's History.

Since the Crown could not leave the Barony unprotected, they appointed Minamoto no Akira tono as the First Vicar of Unser Hafen until the second Baron and Baroness would be seated the next day. Akira thus only held that position for one night.

The next morning, July ??, with the defender, protector, and warden tournaments complete, Artan IV and Aziza, Rex and Regina, placed the coronets on the heads of Sir Titus and the Honorable Lady Llamrei. Baron Titus and Baroness Llameri, know as Praefectus and Chieftain, gathered their court and guard.

In searching the archives, Lord Robin found the first Tosspots. On the cover of the first one was a disreputable fellow holding a mug. He also appeared on the covers of two other Tosspots. Lord Robin selected him to be part of the Banner on the cover where he remains.

Dun Bolacht was forced to change their name. They chose Bo Farrach, Gaelic for "the gathering place of the cows." However, as usual the College of Heralds altered the spelling to suit them selves. Thus our Canton became Bofharrach.

The next spring equestrians began to organize and add their talents to the artisans of the Barony which include archery, dying, weaving, spinning, leatherwork, woodwork, dancing, singing, and other creative endeavors.

At the Estrella XI Praefectus Titus created the Corona Graminea, an honor for those who fight for the Barony in a war, and Lord Conchobhar O'Loingseachain was the first to receive it.

Such other gentles as Caradoc ap Rhys, Robert Stewart, Killinen, Axel, Morien, Damiana, Elenor of Bolton, Jobita, Minamoto no Tokitada, Theopomus, and many others, made this Barony home at this time. One gentle who is often mistaken as a newer member was Diana Wütendwolf. She is the daughter of Frank Wütendwolf and had actually been here since the days of Canton Goldenvelt.

Many events marked the era of Titus and Llamrei, Praefectus and Chieftain. Among them the official Canton status of Bofharrach, many marvelous events including the Baronial Dance Collegium and Defender.

This time also saw the loss of our dear friend, Mistress Aileen Bardon. She received many awards from our Barony and the Kingdom, including a Peerage, the Order of the Laurel in the spring of AS XXIX. Then much too quickly she passed from this world in October AS XXX. She has been greatly missed. Her

Inn of the Madwoman excelled in the culinary arts and in hosting many of the newcomers to our group.

About this same period our fellow Barony to the south, Caerthe, was having great problems. Artan V had removed Athelstan and Tess, Baron and Baroness, and it was many months before things calmed down.

In February of this year, was the dawn of the First Great Western War in the Kingdom of Caid, where the forces of Our Barony charged through a gully to attack the enemy's flank and crushed them in an uphill battle to the astonishment of our allies and foes alike.

During the course of Unser Hafen history, gentles from nearby shires and baronies have added to our richness of life: Baron Otto and Baroness Branwyn, Mistress Bernice of Brittany, Mistress Kyriel of Windover Cliff, Peregrine and Katrine *{now known as Mistress Coemri}*, Rhys and Aldith, Mavellic and Kayleigh, and many more.

At Dance Collegium in March AS XXXI, Titus and Llamrei, Praefectus and Chieftain, announced that they would be stepping down at Crown Tournament in July. The King again sent the Kingdom Seneschal to poll the populace. Shortly there after, His Royal Majesty Lycurgus announced that Master Thorfinn Greybeard and Mistress Rosalind of Wellmark would be the Third Baronage to sit on the thrones of the Barony. At the evening court of Crown tournament, in July AS XXXII, Titus and Llamrei stepped down and were made Baron and Baroness of the King's Court. Thorfinn and Rosalind were seated as Baron and Baroness by moonlight.

Such is the History of the fair Barony of Unser Hafen in the Kingdom of the Outlands as recorded by Lord Robin Spencer of Bristol. Long live Unser Hafen!

Here starts the History of the fair Barony of Unser Hafen in the Kingdom of the Outlands as recorded by ??????.

{This history of Unser Hafen's early years was written by Lord Robin of Bristol, and edited by Master Thorfinn Greybeard. It has been published in segements in the Tosspot.}

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These two poems were first performed at Dance Collegium, March, A.S. XXXV (2001).

Praise of Llamrei: Guernen Sang It

Hancarata Aethnen, filia Cuneddae --
Mighty warrior, far-famed bard, well-loved ruler, Llamrei!

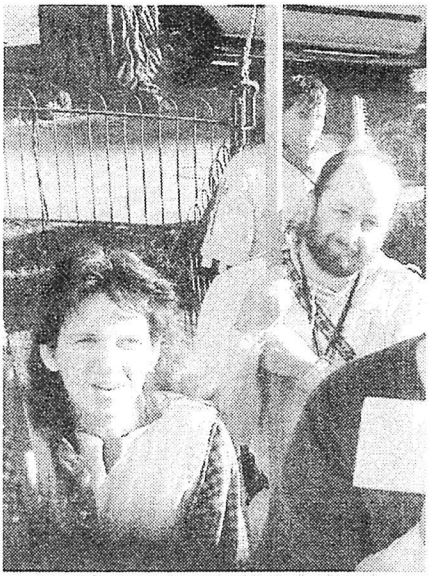
On the border guards the ford,
sword in hand, land's defender.
Sure her aim, praise-bright her name,
fame she wins, well-armed warrior;
Rode with Gwalchmai -- great May-hawk,
talk of all -- her fame was brighter.
In the fore-front shield she bore,
sore she punished all before her.

Hancarata Aethnen, filia Cuneddae --
Mighty warrior, far-famed bard, well-loved ruler, Llamrei!

Piles of plunder rich she won --
none has seen her backward ever.
Blood-red water, wine of slaughter --
hers the spear, fell death-dealer.
Mounds of dead midst meadows red --
led the charge did Cunedd's daughter.
She slew men high fame to win
when she rode with mighty Arthur.

Hancarata Aethnen, filia Cuneddae --
Mighty warrior, far-famed bard, well-loved ruler, Llamrei!

four photos by Steve Smith

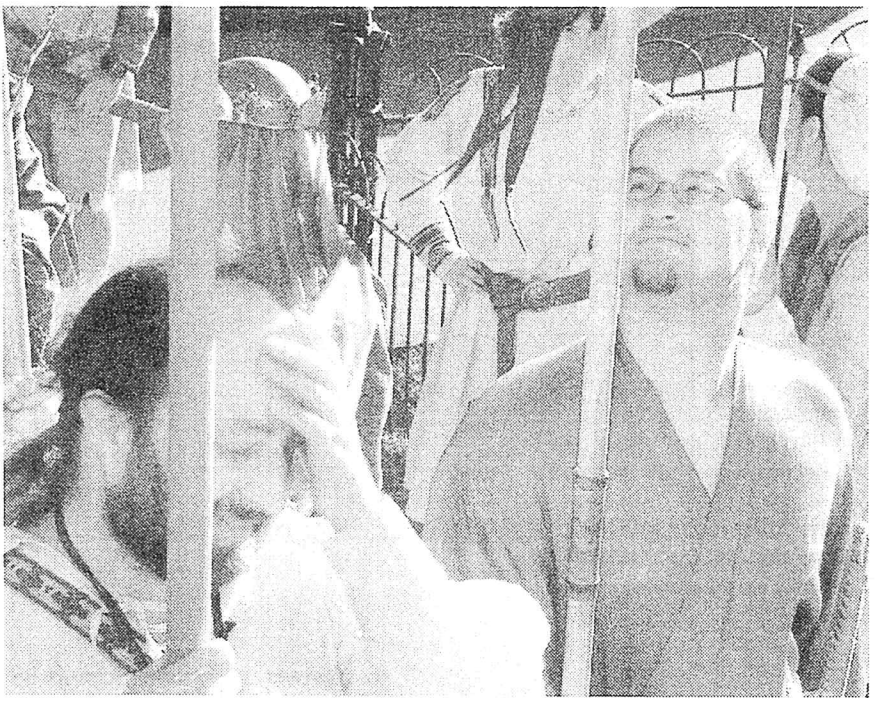


Dark days short in Arthur's court,
fortress strong, she made brighter.
Voice of gold all minds to hold,
bold she sang, great king's daughter.
Stories long she wove in song,
wrong and right mixed in measure.
While in Wales blew wintry gales,
tales she told for their pleasure.

Hancarata Aethnen, filia Cuneddae --
Mighty warrior, far-famed bard,
well-loved ruler, Llamrei!

Sang of battles, plunder fat,
cattle-raids 'cross the border;
Sang of heroes fighting fiercely,
free-born warriors' joy in war;
Sang of magic, sang of rage,
tragic love and dragon's treaure;
Sang such weight of war and fate
great Aneirin could not better!

Hancarata Aethnen, filia Cuneddae --
Mighty warrior, far-famed bard, well-loved ruler, Llamrei!



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By her high-seat heralds cried --
by their will her people's ruler.
Gen'rous hand to her war-band --
land and gold they got from her.
Mead and wine filled glasses fine,
nine-score barrels made a river --
Nine-score mead-feasts filled their need,
breed of heroes -- she the giver.

Hancarata Aethnen, filia Cuneddae --
Mighty warrior, far-famed bard,
well-loved ruler, Llamrei!

To her bards it was not hard
lordly praise and fame to sing her --
She gave garments thick and warm,
harm to keep from them in winter.
Silk-hung walls adorned her hall,
all within knew joy and laughter;
None above her in their love --
of their chieftains, none ruled better!

Hancarata Aethnen, filia Cuneddae --
Mighty warrior, far-famed bard,
well-loved ruler, Llamrei!

Mistress Guernen

Drahomira's Commentary

Rank is given as reward by kings;
Fame and praise by the people around;
Honor is borne only in one's soul.
Which of these three is worth the most?

Praise has been given by the poet Guernen,
Giving account of admirable life.
Not king's sign nor soul's approval,
Yet heroes sing their heartfelt praise.

Where stand those who have weathered years,
Whose glory is won? What lies ahead?
Take now your place among your people -
Starosta, elder, speaking wisdom.

Mistess Drahomira Jaroslavna

Trudging Along the Web -- November 2002

submitted by Lord William Avery of Woodstock, Windkeep

One of the best, or some same worst, aspects of the S.C. of A. is in our great historical and cultural diversity. Purist and compulsive authenticist (I just made that word up, so I have no idea if it is spelled right) argue that in our diversity nothing historical let alone accurate is being accomplished save for each individualistic fantasy version of the medieval times "as they should have been". Why and how, they concede, would a Japanese Samurai, American Indian, Greek Hoplite, etc. ever have contact with a 10th century Norman? Furthermore, how the heck would cultures that fought bloody wars (i.e. French and English or English and Middle Eastern — Do you notice a trend with the English here?) ever want to sit down and feast with their bitter enemies? While, on the other hand, the non-traditional personas state simply that the reason they were drawn to the S.C. of A. is the diversity. It is not only interesting, but also educational to watch a Knight in Gothic plate battle a Samurai in the full regalia of his culture. Furthermore, if they (the non-traditionalists) wanted to join a tightly formed and regulated by strict time constraints living history group they would of, but did not because the S.C. of A. is were they want to be, and generally speaking, is where they are accepted. While I tend to learn towards the late 14th / early 15th centuries in England I still enjoy Asian and non-European cultures. As time permits I collect whatever information I can. Here are a few places I've stumbled upon.

Legio XX — The Imperial Roman 20th Legion <http://www.larp.com/legioxx/> This is the foremost place to indulge in your Roman yearnings. Well documented and accurate.

Matthew Amt's Greek Hoplite Page <http://www.larp.com/hoplite/index.html> If you do not lean towards the Romans, but like things ancient, be a Geek, I mean Greek.

A.J. Bryant's Japanese Homepage <http://www.sengokudaimyo.com/> More information about the Japanese culture than you could shake an Atlantian belly dancer at.

Clan Yama Kaminari <http://www.nb.net/~kmeg/kaminari/kaminari.html> Big S.C. of A. household site with tons of information on things Japanese.

Under-Represented SCA Cultures <http://www.s-gabriel.org/docs/cultures.html> Wonderful article with hints and tips for those not interested in following the pack.

Medieval Poland <http://www.mv.com/ipusers/heart/POLISHPAGE.HTM> Wonderful resource for those Lords and Ladies with interest in things Polish and medieval.

The Dark Horde Mongol Links <http://members.tripod.com/~whitebard/horde12.htm> The Dark Horde, famous or infamous depending on what side of the battle you find yourself.

Romanian Proverbs <http://info.utas.edu.au/docs/flonta/DP,1,1,95/dictionary.html> Romanian proverbs with English equivalents of interest to those with Slavic intentions.

Argos <http://argos.evansville.edu/> Hands down Argos is the yahoo.com of medieval search engines. If you can't find it here, it does not exist (in theory anyway).

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The Byzantine Studies Page <http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/byzantium/> Sources, resources, links, articles, etc. concerning the Byzantine culture. Well put together.

Shortbread

1 cup butter (no substitute)
3/4 cup powdered sugar
1 1/2 cup flour
3/4 cup cornstarch
1/2 tsp. almond extract

Cut and rub together all ingredients until a ball is formed. (You may have to use your hands.)

Roll out about 1/4 inch thick, and cut into desired shape.

Bake 350 degrees for 10 to 15 minutes. Watch carefully; you want the cookies just beginning to brown.

These cookies have been served by Lady Wenhauer von Rothenburg at Dance Collegium, A.S. XXXII, and by Mistress Theresea at Mistress Llamrei's vigil.

The note from the Cook's Buffet Cookbook, from Dance Collegium, A.S. XXXII, reads: *This recipe comes from Mistress Aileen's mother, who was a graduate of the Boston Cooking School and a ranch cook in Wyoming for many years.*

submitted by Mistress Theresea die Tanzerin

Golden Columbine Challenge

Baron Deotrich Hiltipard

How would your persona greet someone?

Trivia Challenge

submitted by Lord William Avery of Woodstock, Windkeep

Lord William, who submitted the Trivia Challenge last month, did not send the promised answer this month. The answer will be published when and if it arrives. Meanwhile, look in the first few pages of those Known World Handbooks that Lady Kirka has for sale.

A Cute, Useless Website

Viking Kittens
http://www.rathergood.com/vikings/

News from the College of Ram's Keep (C.S.U)

Greetings and Well Met!

The second and fourth Monday of the month is time for a dance class! We shall meet in the lounge outside of rooms 213-215 upstairs in the Lory Student on CSU's campus starting at 7pm; from there we will move to our assigned room. We do request that if you have garb that you wear it, but if you do not it won't be a problem. We hope to see many of our new people there, and lots of our returning members as well

Lady Danyelle

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